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SUBJ: ISRAELI EXPLORATION/PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES IN GULF
- OF SUEZ

1. AMOCO INFORMED US JUNE 14 THAT IT HAS OBSERVED MOVE-
MENT OF ISRAELI JACKUP RIG IN SOUTHERN GULF OF SUEZ PAST
FEW DAYS. RIG, WHICH WAS USED TO DRILL ORIGINAL ALMA
DISCOVERY WELL, HAS SHIFTED NORTHWARD TO LOCATION IN
BLOCK 407. RIG HAS NOT YET GONE INTO DRILLING CONFIGURA-
TION; AMOCO IS WATCHING MOVEMENT CAREFULLY.

2. AMOCO ALSO TOLD US THEY HAVE LEARNED THAT INITIAL WELL
PRESSURE IN ALMA-ONE AND -TWO WELLS IS DECLINING AND THAT
PRODUCTION HAS DROPPED BY AS MUCH AS 30 PER CENT.

3. COMMENT: APPARENTLY ISRAELI PLANS INCLUDE FURTHER
EXPLORATION IN SOUTHERN GULF OF SUEZ IN ADDITION TO CON-
TINUING DEVELOPMENT OF ALMA FIELD. EGYPTIAN REACTION TO
ANY ISRAELI DRILLING ACTIVITY LIKELY BE NEGATIVE AND
COULD PROMPT FURTHER APPROACH TO US ON THIS
INCREASINGLY SENSITIVE MATTER.

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